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Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association salutes Gov. Ducey, legislators for tackling opioid crisis

Statement from AzHHA President/CEO Greg Vigdor

PHOENIX, AZ – “The opioid epidemic touches every corner of Arizona and families across our state. Arizona hospitals and healthcare providers see the human toll of opioid abuse every day.

“Solving this crisis requires an ‘all-hands-on-deck’ approach involving policymakers, addiction specialists, law enforcement, the healthcare community and more. Governor Ducey, House Speaker Mesnard and Senate President Yarbrough have provided essential leadership in confronting this issue, and we thank legislators for quickly coming together in bipartisan fashion.

“The Governor’s action today to sign the Arizona Opioid Epidemic Act into law is a great step, but our work is not done. Continued diligence is necessary. On behalf of the Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association, we pledge our ongoing commitment to the effort to reduce opioid dependency and misuse in Arizona.”

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About AzHHA

AzHHA is Arizona’s statewide association for those organizations and individuals devoted to collectively building better healthcare and health for the patients, people and communities of Arizona. Founded in 1939, AzHHA’s objective is to improve healthcare through Better Care, Better Health and Lower Costs with the ultimate goal of making Arizona the healthiest state in the nation. For more information, please contact communications@azhha.org or call (602) 445-4300.